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SUBJECT: VISIT OF NEWSMEN TO JCRC CRASH SITE INVESTIGATION

COMUSMACTHAI PASS CINC PAO BANGKOK, SECDEF FOR ASD- PA,
CINCPAC CAMP SMITH HI FOR PAO

1. NEWSMEN FROM SAIGON WHO PLAN VISIT JCRC CRASH SITE
INVESTIGATION IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE SATURDAY, JUNE 30, ARE:
TAD BARTIMUS, AP; JACQUES TONNAIRE, AP PHOTOGRAPHER;
ROWLINSON CARTER, UPI; STEVE O' NEILL, UPI AUDIO; BARRY
HILLENBRAND, TIME MAGAZINE; HIDEKI IKEUCHI, KYODO NEWS
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TIMES; BARBARA TREASTER, NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOGRAPHER;
AND THOMAS LIPPMAN, WASHINGTON POST.

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2. ALREADY IN DANANG IS NBC CREW CONSISTING OF PAUL UDELL, HONG TRONG NGHIA AND TRAN VAN THAN; ABC TEAM WITH LAURA PALMER AND TRAN KHIEU, AND CBS TEAM MADE UP OF ED BRADLEY AND MIKE MARRIOTT.

3. TV NETWORKS CLEARLY UNDERSTAND IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO POOL THEIR COVERAGE OF CRASH SITE INVESTIGATION. THEY WILL AGREE ON WHO HANDLES POOL LATE FRIDAY OR EARLY SATURDAY MORNING, IN CONSULTATION WITH LTC B. A. WHITAKER AND DAN LEATY.

THREE CHOPPERS ARE SCHEDULED FROM 1000 HOURS TO 1200 HOURS TO CARRY CORRESPONDENTS FROM DANANG TO SITE. THEY SHOULD BE ABLE ACCOMMODATE ALL SEVENTEEN REPORTERS KNOWN BY EMBASSY PRESS OFFICER TO HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES DEFINITELY TO VISIT CRASH SITE INVESTIGATION. ALL WILL BE IN DANANG FRIDAY (JUNE 29) AND HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO REPORT TO CONGEN OFFICER DAN LEATY AT US CONGEN BEFORE 0900 HOURS SATURDAY (JUNE 30).

5. LTC WHITAKER, MACTHAI PAO, EXPECTED ARRIVE DANANG ON U-21 PRIOR TO 0900 HOURS, JUNE 30. HE CAN EXPLAIN GROUND RULES TO NEWSMEN ON REPORTING CRASH SITE INVESTIGATION, WHICH ESSENTIALLY ARE AS FOLLOWS: NO PHOTOGRAPHS OF REMAINS; TYPE OF AIRCRAFT MAY BE REPORTED BUT UNIT TO WHICH ASSIGNED MUST NOT BE REPORTED; MONTH AND YEAR AIRCRAFT WAS DOWNED MAY BE REPORTED BUT NOT EXACT DATE; EXACT LOCATION SHOULD NOT BE REPORTED BUT GENERAL LOCATION IS PERMISSABLE; AND NAMES OF MISSING OR DEAD PERSONNEL AND NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS AND/ OR OTHER SURVIVORS OF CRASH SHOULD NOT BE REPORTED.

6. APPRECIATE COOPERATION OF CONGEN DANANG AND HOPE ALL GOES WELL ON FIRST ON- SPOT NEWS COVERAGE OF A CRASH SITE INVESTIGATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM.
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